Women's Representation in Wakf Boards

1015. SHRIMAT ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no women representation in the Wakf Boards set up/functioning in various States under the Wakf Act, 1995;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to bring an amendment in the Bill to give due representation to women on Wakf Boards.

(d) whether Union Government provide grants to Wakf Boards in the country; and

(e) if so, the details of grant given to each Wakf Board during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that there is no woman member in the Wakf Boards set up/functioning in various States under the Wakf Act, 1995.

(b) The Wakf Act, 1995 provides for establishment of a Wakf Board in each State by the State Government. The composition of the Board, as provided in the Act, is that one and not more than two members of the Board are to be elected from each of the following electoral colleges consisting of—

(i) Muslim Members of Parliament from the State;

(ii) Muslim Members of the State Legislature;

(iii) Muslim Members of the Board Council of the State; and

(iv) Mutawallis of the Wakfs having an annual income of Rupees one lakh and above.

The Act further provides for nomination of one and not more than two members by the State Government from the following two categories—

(a) Representative of eminent Muslim organisations.

(b) Recognised scholars in Islamic Theology, and also an officer of the State Government not below the rank of Deputy Secretary, is to be nominated as member of the Board. There is no bar, as such, in the Act on election and/or nomination of a lady member in a Wakf Board.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Instructions/Guidelines in pursuance of the Supreme Court judgement on creamy layer

1016. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instructions/guidelines contained in the Office Memorandum of Government of India issued in month of September, 1993, in pursuance of the Judgement of the Supreme Court on identification of creamy layer have been implemented by all the State Governments;

(b) if not, the details of the defaulting States alongwith reason in each case; and

(d) the action taken by Government to determine creamy layer in relation to the services under the Union?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) The information available is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below). The requisite information is being collected from other States/ UTs end will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The Central Government vide its Office Memorandum No. 36012/22/93-EST. (SCT) dated the 8th September, 1993, has outlined the detailed guidelines to be followed for determining 'Creamy Layer' in relation to services under the Union.